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SUBJECT: FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION

REF: A. STATE 229007 B. DACCA 4539

1. FOLLOWING DATA/ESTIMATES BASED ON OCTOBER 21 CONVERSATION WITH
FOOD MINISTRY JT. SECRETARY SHAMSUL HAQUE AND ON INFORMATION FROM
UNDP RES REP. LATTER HAS PULLED TOGETHER SHIPPING POSITION FOR
PERIOD SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER, 1974:

(A) FOODGRAIN ARRIVALS (UNDP ESTIMATES)

DATE	AMOUNT
SEPTEMBER (ACTUAL)	5,500 MT RICE (PAKISTAN)
OCTOBER 1-15 (ACTUAL)	5,000 MT WHEAT (PRC RED CROSS)
OCTOBER 16-31 (SCHEDULED)	91,700 MT WHEAT
	1,500 MT BISCUITS (US)
NOVEMBER 1-15	147,600 MT WHEAT
	5,900 MT BISCUITS (US)
NOVEMBER 16-30	110,000 MT WHEAT AND RICE

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DECEMBER 1-15 105,000 MT WHEAT

(B) FOODGRAIN ARRIVALS (BDG FOOD MINISTRY ESTIMATES)

OCTOBER 1-31 115,000 MT

NOVEMBER 1-30 215,000 MT

DECEMBER 1-15 116,000 MT

(C) PRESENT STOCKS. WE ESTIMATED BDG FOODGRAIN STOCKS AT ABOUT 180,000 MT AS OF EARLY OCTOBER; FOOD MINISTRY JT. SECRETARY PLACED STOCKS AT 125,000 MT AS OF OCTOBER 16.

(D) OFFTAKE. BDG WILL OBVIOUSLY TAILOR ACTUAL OFFTAKE TO AVAILABLE SUPPLY. ACCORDING TO SEPTEMBER 1 REVIEW OF FOOD SITUATION PREPARED BY MINISTRY FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (BEFORE OPENING OF GRUEL KITCHENS), PROJECTED OFFTAKES WERE:

SEPTEMBER 220,000

OCTOBER 300,000

NOVEMBER 250,000

DECEMBER 200,000

JT. SECRETARY THOUGHT THESE STILL ACCURATE PROJECTIONS. (ADJUSTMENT FOR GRUEL KITCHENS (DACCA 4337) NOT NECESSARY, HE SAID, AS SUPPLIES FOR THAT PROGRAM CAME FROM FOODGRAINS ALREADY PROJECTED FOR GRATUITOUS RELIEF.)

2. NOTE: SMALLER BDG FOODGRAIN ARRIVAL PROJECTION (PARA 1B) COMPARED TO UNDP ESTIMATE (1A) FOR NOVEMBER LARGELY EXPLAINED BY ABSENCE RECEIPT BY BDG OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF SHIPMENT ETA'S AND BY ALLOWANCE FOR SLIPPAGE. WE BELIEVE BDG ESTIMATES REPRESENT, IN EFFECT, WORST CASE ASSUMPTION.

3. COMBINING ABOVE INFORMATION/ESTIMATES, WE CONCLUDE THAT STOCK POSITION IS CRITICALLY LOW (I.E., AT OR BELOW 100,000 MT LEVEL) AT PRESENT AND WILL REMAIN LOW WELL INTO NOVEMBER, BUT WILL BEGIN TO IMPROVE FROM ABOUT MID-NOVEMBER AND BECOME COMFORTABLE FROM AROUND DECEMBER 1.

4. COPIES OF UNDP SHIPPING POSITION WHICH REFLECTS LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE (INCLUDING ETA AUSTRALIAN WHEAT-DACCA 4755), WILL BE AVAILABLE AT AID BANGLADESH GROUP MEETING, PARIS.
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